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SUB: SANTO DOMINGO VISIT OF GABRIEL GUERRA-MONDRAGON; US NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 7 AND 8, GABRIEL GUERRA-MONDRAGON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE US NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO, MADE OFFICIALS CALLS IN SANTO DOMINGO TO EXPLAIN AND DISCUSS THE PROPOSED UNESCO STUDY PROJECT ON THE BLACK CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE AMERICAS (REFTEL) AMONG HIS CONTACTS:

A) LEONARDO MATOS BERRIDO, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DOMINICAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO.

B) NELLY BIAGGI, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND CHIEF OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF THE DOMINICAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO.

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C) RAFAEL HERRERA, DIRECTOR OF LEADING SANTO DOMINGO DAILY LISTIN DIARIO AND MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO.

D) FRANK MOYA PONS, PROMINENT HISTORIAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.

E) CARLOS ESTEBAN DEIVE, SOCIOLOGIST/ANTHROPOLOGIST AND DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES OF THE MUSEUM OF DOMINICAN ANTHROPOLOGY.

F) EMILIO RODRIGUEZ DEMORIZI, NOTED HISTORIAN/FOLKLORIST.

G) FRADIQUE LIZARDO, DIRECTOR OF THE DOMINICAN FOLKLORIC BALLET.

H) OSCAR DODERA, UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE.

2. DOMINICANS CONTACTED DEMONSTRATED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE PROJECT. SOME WERE ENTHUSIASTIC. THERE WAS WIDE SPREAD RECOGNITION THAT STUDY OF THE BLACK HERITAGE WAS A NEW RELATIVELY UNEXPLORED FIELD WHICH MERITED FURTHER EFFORT. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE MATOS BERRIDO OFFERED SUPPORT WHILE POINTING OUT THE FINANCIAL LIMITATIONS FACING THE GODR. MRS. BIAGGI INDICATED THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD BE RAISED AS THE CENTRAL TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO MEETING AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

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